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SCRANTON, MARCH 5, 1894.
The first year of Cleveland's second presidency ended yesterday, amid the humiliations of his party, the depression of his loyal countrymen and the ecstasy of the re-instated Confederates.

THE BRIDGE ISSUE.

At the last meeting of select council there was a spirited contention as to the manner of establishing the legal machinery necessary to procure the approaches to the proposed new bridges.

When the city engineers estimated the cost of the Roaring Brook bridge at \$100,000 and its approaches at \$20,000, the latter calculation was based on a written offer from the Platt estate that afterward left \$7,000 available for contingencies.

As we understand the position of Mr. Roche in this matter, he proposes to evade this troublesome interrogation by having the property condemned.

Upon the other hand, it is contended by Mr. Sanderson and his supporters, that the only safe and proper course, under the circumstances, to avoid even the possibility of a breach of faith with the people, is to have viewers appointed without filing a bond.

With respect to the Linden street bridge, different conditions prevail. A special committee of councils obtained from every interested property owner a definite statement as to the selling

price of his land. These offers, in writing, are now on file in the city clerk's office. Absolutely no necessity exists for condemnation proceedings, in view of the fact that the property can be acquired amicably and voluntarily.

THE TRIBUNE offers no apology for the devotion of much space to an extended presentation of what it believes to be the true facts of the case. No question before the people of Scranton is of greater interest than the one which we have just endeavored to outline.

IT HAS taken Congressman Dunphy a long time to make up his mind that Tammany Hall is not a collection of seraphs; but even a late enlightenment is better than none.

JUDGING from his course with reference to the bill, Representative Hines has decided that the double-joint, now-you-see-me-and-now-you-don't kind of advocacy is not as safe, politically, as it looks.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S indorsement of the Wilson bill was evidently in partial liquidation of a much more important bill, the last of which has yet to be reached.

THE Democratic party, in its pension retrenchment, apparently shares the feelings of Mr. Meredith, the Virginia congressman who, last Friday, "thanked God there were no loyal men in his county" and afterwards wanted to fight the Republican member who shamed him for this rebel yawp.

Representative Grout, of Vermont, has prepared some statistics with reference to the pension bureau which illustrates the gladness of the present administration at the gradual decrease in the number of surviving Union veterans.

LET US have the bridges; but let us have them in the spirit of fairness, equity and economy. Let us not have any breaking of faith.

THERE ARE lively times in view, locally, in the state, nationally and in European politics. It is time to pity the man who does not regularly read a complete daily newspaper every secular day in the year.

THE FIGHT IN TROY. The resignation of Representative Dunphy, of New York, from Tammany Hall, coupled with serious charges of ballot irregularities in which the Tammany organization plays an honorable part, throws an interesting side light upon a desperate battle which is waging in the Empire state against the most unscrupulous conspiracy of ballot corruption in the history of American politics.

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SOME PASSING THOUGHTS. Most men are generally bravest when the enemy is around the corner out of sight.

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Pie Counter.
With lamb-like aspect March drew near,
While maple sap was flowing;
But shell'd depart in manner droll,
With angry, wild winds blowing.

James—Can a man eat a quail a day for thirty days?
Williams—I think so. I know of Democrats who have been eating a crow a day for a longer period.

Young Manager—What do you consider the greatest drawing card for an opening?
Old Stager—Well, I've found that the complimentary card board generally fetches 'em.

Blind—The fly fisherman does not catch many.
Van Erwin—Do you mean that he does not catch many fish?
Blind—No; he doesn't catch many flies.

If you are an old gold bug then your age should immediately teach you to mend your rage;
And smile upon Blind,
In lending a hand
To give us a slice of the seigniorage.

Wife at the amateur concert—What a rich fullness there is in Charlie Mend's voice!
Hubby—Fullness, yes, Charlie has got a pretty heavy load on tonight.

Wife—Who is that beastly sot leaning against the telegraph pole.
Hubby—That is the person who prepares the temperance column for the Bangtown Eagle.

Attorney—What do you know about this case?
Witness—Nothing.
Attorney—What are you here for?
Witness—Why, you see, I heard Dan call Bill a liar and Bill knocked Dan down

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